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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TUNISIAN ROLE IN U.S.-LIBYAN RELATIONS

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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH ACTING FONMIN MESTIRI JULY 5 (OUR FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WITH HIM SINCE PRIMIN JALLUD'S VISIT TO TUNIS), I ASKED IF SUBJECT OF U.S.-LIBYAN RELATIONS HAD ARISEN DURING JALLUD CONVERSATIONS. MESTIRI RESPONDED THAT JALLUD HAD NOT DIRECTLY RAISED MATTER, AND THAT TUNISIANS DID NOT EITHER. (THIS WAS IN LINE OUR DISCUSSION WITH MESTIRI ON MAY 28 - REF B - IN WHICH WE CLEARLY STATED THAT WE WERE NOT ASKING GOT TO TAKE ANY INITIATIVE IN THIS RESPECT WITH JALLUD.)

2. MESTIRI STATED, HOWEVER, THAT JALLUD HAD MENTIONED LARG INTENTION TO BRING BEFORE SECURITY COUNCIL IN SOME FORM QUESTION OF SIXTH FLEET PRESENCE IN MEDITERRANEAN. ACCORDING TO MESTIRI, FONMIN MASMOUDI THREW COLD WATER ON PROPOSED LARG INITIATIVE, STATING THAT GOT WOULD NOT SUPPORT SUCH A MOVE IN SECURITY COUNCIL.
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